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Gaithersburg Labor Day Parade **Monday, September 5 1pm**

The parade returns to the streets of Olde Towne Gaithersburg. Now in its 78th year, this rain or shine event includes ethnic dance groups, antique cars and fire trucks, clowns, high school marching bands, and an assortment of community groups, equestrian units, and more. For more information log on to the City's [website](#).



2016 African Heritage Month Celebration **Tuesday, September 6 6:00pm-9:00pm** **Silver Spring Civic Building** **One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring**

Montgomery County will celebrate its 8th annual African Heritage Month Proclamation. Barely three decades ago, continental Africans in the County numbered a few thousand. Today, the numbers have swelled. Montgomery County is the number one destination in the United States for people from Ethiopia and Cameroon, and it is the number two destination for immigrants from the continent of Africa (second only to Los Angeles).

As new Americans, continental Africans continue to collaborate and partner with their local communities in their new found home. The Proclamation is part of a series of events commemorating September as African Heritage Month in Montgomery County. **For more information [click here](#).**

Faith Community Rights and Governmental Best Practices Forum **Wednesday, September 7 6:00pm-8:00pm** **Silver Spring Civic Building** **One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring**

A community-based information sharing forum for Montgomery County faith leaders is entitled, "*Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act: Faith Community Rights and Local Government Best Practices*." Mr. Eric Treene, Special Counsel for Religious Discrimination in the U.S. Department of Justice, will address the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

It will include unique faith community rights, land use practices prohibited and permitted, redress available to faith communities, and examples of local government best practices. Every faith community will benefit in the long if not short term, from this forum that will be followed by another focusing on the policies and practices of our departments and offices related to zoning, permitting services, environmental protection and sanitation.

Register here [latest by September 5 to participate in this Religious Land Use Law free event.](#)



*Natalie Chhuan
Germantown Office*

Fall Registration Begins for English and Basic Computer Classes at the Gilchrist Centers across the County

Mark your calendars to sign up for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) or Basic Computer classes in Gaithersburg or Germantown!

At our **Gaithersburg Library site**, Basic Computer class registration will be on Saturday, 9/10 and Wednesday, 9/14.

In **Germantown**, registration for English (High Intermediate level) will take place on Thursday, 9/22 at 5pm.

Space is limited for all registration-based classes! Before you visit, please read the flyers on the website for details about class fees, levels, language of instruction, and placement. There are also various other free English classes that don't require registration - come check out a conversation class at East County, Wheaton, or Gaithersburg! For details about these and other classes, please visit the website.

For questions about other Gilchrist Center classes and locations, or other Montgomery classes or services, please call 240-777-4940.

Montgomery County Council to hold Town Hall Meeting for Olney Area Wednesday, Sept. 14 8:00pm Rosa Parks Middle School 19200 Olney Mill Road, Olney

A pre-meeting reception will begin at 7:30pm

Residents will be encouraged to ask questions on any issue. Among the issues that are likely to be discussed are the changes expected of Montgomery County Public Schools after the Council voted to add \$87 million above the minimum state requirements to the school system's budget for the upcoming year and asked the Board of Education to make targeted improvements in programming. It is also expected that residents will want to know about transportation and public safety issues.

The meeting will be recorded by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and rebroadcast at various times in the weeks following the meeting. Susan Kenedy, a producer for the County station, will moderate the meeting. See the press release for more http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=17319

Interested in learning more about Montgomery County's Sister Cities Program?

Visit <http://www.montgomerysistercities.org>

September is National Preparedness Month



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Free Class for Community Residents --- How to Plan in Advance!

Wednesday, September 21 7:00pm-9:00pm

Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

In recognition of the importance of advance planning for emergencies, the County's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS), the Montgomery County Police Department and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service have collaborated to offer a series of free Community Emergency Preparedness classes. Learn how to stay informed by signing up for Alert Montgomery emergency messages, make an emergency plan, and make an emergency kit.

Other class locations:

Monday, September 19 7:00pm-9:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building (Fenton Room)
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

Saturday, September 24 10:00am-12:00noon
Public Safety Headquarters (1st fl conference room)
100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg

For further information and required pre-registration see: <https://www.scribd.com/document/322743453/Community-Emergency-Preparedness-Classes>. **Seating will be limited to 75 people per session.**

- [Press release](#)
- [See flyer](#)

Parents of Students Entering Seventh Grade Reminded of New Immunization Requirements; Free Immunizations Offered

Montgomery County Health and Human Services staff will provide free Tdap and MCV4 vaccinations to incoming seventh-grade students at several locations throughout the County. Eighth and ninth grade students entering a Maryland school for the first time should also receive the vaccinations in order to comply with the requirements. No appointment is necessary. A parent or designated adult must be present. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to the clinic.

Clinics that will be held in the Upcounty (northern region of the county):

Tuesday, September 13th; 4 -7 p.m.

Clemente Middle School
18808 Waring Station Road, Germantown

Wednesday, September 14; 4 – 7 p.m.

Gaithersburg Middle School
2 Teacher's Way, Gaithersburg

Thursday, September 15; 4 – 7 p.m.

Rocky Hill Middle School
22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg

For a complete listing of locations around the county, go to

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16278

In addition, there are four locations that will offer expanded hours for their regularly scheduled immunization clinics.

For more information on immunizations, call the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services' Immunization Program at 240-777-1050 or School Health Services at 240-777-1550.

Germantown Police and Fire & Rescue Host Open House
Saturday, September 17 11:00am-3:0pm
20000 Aircraft Drive, Germantown

Food, demonstrations, and more for the whole family!

Road Paving Project: Brink Road

This project will begin soon and will include roadway milling and hot mix asphalt paving. Concrete repairs will be made to deteriorating curbs, gutters and sidewalks within the project work zone. Permanent roadway lane markings will be replaced shortly after the paving operations.

The project is expected to start in September 2016 and will take approximately five (5) week to complete, weather permitting. Construction will be performed during the day between 9:00am-4pm, Monday through Friday. Continuous traffic will be maintained at all times using temporary lane closures. Access to residences will be available at all times, however minor delays may occur as workers restrict traffic from freshly placed hot mix asphalt. Generally speaking, this work is best characterized as noisy and disruptive, but MCDOT and its contractors will take all necessary steps to mitigate any inconveniences the work may cause.

If you have any questions about the project, contact: James Kisner, Project Manager at 240-777-7631.

Nominations Sought for Time Well Spent Awards

Please help the Collaboration Council in recognizing outstanding individuals and public and private organizations who have made a significant difference in the lives of children, youth and families. Read award criteria and complete the online nomination form here. Please [email](#) us for more information.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 5:00pm.

School Facility Reservations in ActiveMONTGOMERY

The Office of Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF) is pleased to announce that effective August 1, 2016, general public community use requests for indoor MCPS facilities are now [online](#). Classroom use and Staff Lounge use during the first hour after the school day ends will go-live on September 1, 2016, at 8:30am for dates of use during the entire 2016-2017 school year. Grass fields and tennis courts are available online as well. Auditorium use and other large events are handled off-line by a large events coordinator at CUPF's main office in Rockville. Visit CUPF's [website](#) or speak to a CUPF program specialist at 240-777-2725 for more information.

To reserve a meeting room at the Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center, visit www.activemontgomery.org

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>